

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE TAMPA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN TAMPA	DATE 2/8/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/10/72-1/29/73
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED IO: BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, aka Burt Reynolds; FRANK RAGANO		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY bjh b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

Title marked changed IO to reflect full name of REYNOLDS.

REFERENCES: ~~Tampa~~ letter to LA, dated 11/21/72,
Miami letter to Tampa, dated 1/31/73,
Los Angeles letter to Tampa, dated 1/29/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

For information of the Bureau, FRANK RAGANO is the attorney for LCN figure, SANTO TRAFFICANTE. RAGANO was recently convicted in USDC, Tampa on an IRS tax evasion charge and was found guilty and sentenced to about 6 months imprisonment. RAGANO is presently free on bond pending appeal of his tax case.

On 12/27/72,

confidentially advised that BURT REYNOLDS' father,

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		

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SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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COPIES MADE:

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - USA, Tampa
- 3 - Miami (92-3570)
- (1 - AIC,)
- 2 - Tampa (92-1636)

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Notations

Agency	"	CC, AIC, Criminal	DEPT OF JUSTICE
Request Recd.	"	Division, Organized Crime	EBI
Date Fwd.	"	& Racketeering Section	
How Fwd.	"	Room	
By	"	55 APR 11 1973	NO DISSEMINATION

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BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, SR., is a former Police Chief of Riviera Beach, now retired, living on a ranch purchased by REYNOLDS approximately nine miles west of Jupiter, Fla., on Indiantown Road. He advised that both BURT REYNOLDS and his father have very high regards for police in general and the FBI and would cooperate fully with the FBI in all regards in his opinion. [redacted] advised that both BURT REYNOLDS and his father enjoy an excellent reputation in the Jupiter, Fla. and West Palm Beach, Fla., areas and BURT REYNOLDS to his knowledge has never had a mar on his character.

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On 1/8/73. [redacted]

[redacted] confidentially
advised the following:

He is well acquainted with BURT REYNOLDS as he

[redacted]
He advised that REYNOLDS' father, BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, SR., is the former Police Chief of Riviera Beach, Fla., and is now retired living on a small ranch located west of Jupiter, Fla. According to his information, this ranch is owned by BURT REYNOLDS.

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He advised that REYNOLDS has a very high degree of respect for police and the FBI, and indicated that in his opinion, REYNOLDS would be very cooperative with the FBI. He last talked with REYNOLDS approximately one week ago, at which time REYNOLDS telephonically contacted him. REYNOLDS stated that he was "on-location" in the mountains of Mexico and Utah presently making a movie. He does not know the exact location of REYNOLDS, but advised that his father always knows his location. He related that REYNOLDS' parents live on this small ranch located west of Jupiter, Fla., and he also has a sister living in West Palm Beach, Fla.


By communication dated 1/29/73, the Los Angeles Office advised as follows:

A review of the indices of the Los Angeles Office failed to develop any information that would indicate known association between BURT REYNOLDS and/or DINAH SHORE with La Cosa Nostra figures.

In addition, informants of the LA Office who would be familiar with this area of activity were queried, but were unable to furnish any information that would indicate any connection that BURT REYNOLDS or DINAH SHORE had with hoodlum figures.

III. ~~It is noted that DINAH SHORE is friendly with SIDNEY KORSHAK, prominent hoodlum attorney from Chicago, currently residing in LA. DINAH SHORE has been a friend of BERNICE KORSHAK, SIDNEY's wife, for many years.~~ *Cal. & Fla.*

INFORMANTS:

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TP T-1 is	
TP T-2 is	
TP T-3 is	
TP T-4 is	

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MIAMI DIVISION

AT JUPITER, FLA.

Will contact REYNOLDS' father to determine where BURT REYNOLDS can be contacted for interview. If REYNOLDS is out of the country determine if possible when he will return and how to contact him after his return.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLA.

Will follow and report results of interview.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Tampa

1 - Miami, for Attorney In Charge, [REDACTED]

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

TAMPA

Date:

February 8, 1973

Field Office File #:

92-1636

Bureau File #:

Title:

BURTON LEON REYNOLDS;
FRANK RAGANO

Character:

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Synopsis:

AUSA, Tampa learned that TV and movie star, BURT REYNOLDS, accompanied by DINAH SHORE was in Tampa with attorney, FRANK RAGANO. AUSA requested investigation to determine if REYNOLDS has property in the area and if RAGANO is acting as his attorney. TP T-1 advised that RAGANO supposedly represented REYNOLDS in a land transaction at Jupiter, Fla. Investigation at Palm Beach County, Fla., reflects that REYNOLDS purchased property in 1968 and power of attorney given at that time to Attorney LEE B. WINKLER, New York.

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DETAILS:

Investigation into this matter is predicated on information received from Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED], Tampa, Fla., on November 10, 1972.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] advised that he had learned from [REDACTED] that on October 7, 1972 while [REDACTED] was at the VIP Lounge of the National Airlines at TIA he saw attorney, FRANK RAGANO, accompanied by movie actor BURT REYNOLDS and movie star, DINAH SHORE. According to [REDACTED] indicated that REYNOLDS and SHORE had spent the night at RAGANO's home and mention was made that REYNOLDS was looking over his ranch in Lake Wales, Fla.

Assistant U.S. Attorney [] requested the FBI to determine if in fact REYNOLDS had a farm in the Lake Wales area. Also he requested that the FBI attempt to determine the relationship between RAGANO and REYNOLDS as possibly REYNOLDS may be a front for RAGANO and others.

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On November 15, 1972, TP T-1 advised that TV and motion picture personality BURT REYNOLDS recently came to Tampa with DINAH SHORE in the company of FRANK RAGANO. TP T-1 stated that REYNOLDS and SHORE went to RAGANO's home in Tampa where they were entertained by RAGANO. TP T-1 understands that RAGANO had also invited other friends and neighbors to his home for this occasion.

TP T-1 added that it is his understanding that RAGANO is representing REYNOLDS in connection with a land transaction in Jupiter, Fla., where REYNOLDS either now has purchased or is in the process of purchasing land.

On December 20, 1972, TP T-2 advised that he had been unable to develop any information which would indicate that BURT REYNOLDS owns property in the Lake Wales area.

During January, 1973, TP T-3 and TP T-4 advised that REYNOLDS is well regarded in the motion picture industry. Both of these sources advised that REYNOLDS has property and business interests in Florida, however they had no information which would indicate that either REYNOLDS or DINAH SHORE are involved with any hoodlums.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent JAMES D. WEIS:

AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

On January 4, 1973, [redacted] Deputy
Clerk, Photocopy Department, Clerk of Circuit Court Office,
Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida, furnished
the following information:

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Records of the Clerk of Circuit Court Office,
Palm Beach County, indicates that on October 23, 1968,
a warranty deed number 50249 dated October 15, 1968, was
filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court, Palm Beach County,
Florida. This warranty deed indicates that GEORGE LANGBERG
joined by his wife, GRACE LANGBERG, of the State of New York
sold BURT REYNOLDS, also known as Burton Leon Reynolds,
care of Global Business Management, Incorporated, 575
Madison Avenue, New York City, New York land in Palm Beach
County, Florida described as follows:

The south half of southwest corner and the
south half of southeast corner of section 12, Township
41 South, Range 41 East, containing 160 acres more or
less.

From the tax stamp evaluation of \$348.00 as noted
on this warranty deed, the purchase price on this land was
\$116,000.00.

She made available a photocopy of this warranty
deed number 50249 dated October 15, 1968. Records of
the Clerk of Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, also indicate
that a first mortgage deed in the amount of \$78,300.00 dated
October 18, 1968, indicates that BURT REYNOLDS, also known
as Burton Leon Reynolds gave a first mortgage on the above
property to GEORGE LANGBERG showing 20 consecutive
semiannual installments of \$3,915.00 of the principal plus
accrued interest on the remaining principal balance.

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The records of the Palm Beach County Circuit Clerk's Office also contained a second mortgage deed number 50252 dated October 18, 1968, and filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office on October 23, 1968, indicating a second mortgage on the above property in the amount of \$8,700.00 showing BURT REYNOLDS, also known as Burton Leon Reynolds borrowing the money from GEORGE LANGBERG to be repaid in 20 equal consecutive semiannual installments in the amount of \$435.00 plus accrued interest on the principal remaining.

[redacted] also made available copies of the above described first and second mortgages. Her file also contains a Power of Attorney number 50250 dated August 22, 1966, but filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office, Palm Beach County, on October 23, 1968, indicating that BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, residing at 68 East 79th Street, New York City, New York, gave Power of Attorney to LEE B. WINKLER, residing at 44 West 55th Street, New York City, New York. [redacted] furnished a photocopy of this Power of Attorney.

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In checking her records, [redacted] was unable to find any additional records on BURT REYNOLDS, FRANK RAGANO, or DINAH SHORE. She advised that the above mortgages, liens on the property owned by REYNOLDS described above were still in effect according to her records.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (92-13995)

DATE: 4/2/73

FROM : SAC TAMPA (92-1636) (C)

SUBJECT: BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, aka;
FRANK RAGANO
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ReTPreport of SA [REDACTED] 2/8/73.

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A review of instant matter reflected that no further investigation was warranted and on 2/21/73, Miami and Los Angeles were advised to discontinue investigation.

Tampa inadvertently neglected to send the Bureau a copy of the closing communication.

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